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[redacted] 1. On 6 April 1954, troops assembled in Forest Sections Nos 103 in Neuglienick, No 80 in Frankendorf, Nos 21 and 22 in Eggendorf, No 67 in Rottstiel and No 88 in Rheinsberg-Glienick. All roads and approaches between the assembly areas and the Schweinrich troop training grounds were blocked by sentries. The troops advanced during the night of 6 April, with the lights of the vehicles dimmed with cloth. At noon on 7 April, the troops started a practice attack toward the northwest from the Neuglienick-Forest Section No 135 - Frankendorf-Forest Section No 177 line. The attack was opened by firing with practice ammunition which lasted until 1 p.m. Troops subsequently advanced under tank support. After 1 p.m., MiG-15s engaged in the attack. Vehicles seen passing through Neuglienick during the exercise included 3 T-34 tanks [redacted] 4 JSU-122s, 2 salvage tanks, 2 armored personnel carriers with twin-barrel machine guns, 23 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 jeep, 2 sidecar motorcycles and 10 guns, presumably of 76.2 mm, coupled to trucks. Another column arrived in the training area from the direction of Basdorf [redacted] 33 tanks, 7 ar- 25X1

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[redacted] armored personnel carriers, 4 JSU-122s, 4 JSU-152s, 6 trucks towing AA guns, 18 trucks

25X1 occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 sedan, 2 jeeps and 4 sidecar motorcycles. [redacted] The following troops and materiel

25X1 arrived in the Schweinrich section of the training grounds at about 4:30 p.m.:

25X1 20 T-34 tanks including [redacted] 10 JS tanks [redacted] 10 JSU-122s: 10

25X1 JSU-152s; 10 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns

25X1 [redacted] 10 AT guns, presumably of 45 mm, coupled to trucks [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] 1 SP gun; 10 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns; 40 trucks [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 12 armored personnel

25X1 carriers; 12 BA-64s; 20 sidecar motorcycles; 12 jeeps including [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] sedans [redacted] with a high-eche-

25X1 [redacted] ion headquarters; jeep [redacted] 2 armored half-track vehicles with four-barreled

25X1 AA guns, and 1 sidecar motorcycle. The following other units arrived in the Neuglienick section from the direction of Steinberge at about 5:45 p.m. on 7 April:

25X1 JS tanks [redacted] 10 T-34 tanks

25X1 [redacted] 36 trucks towing 160-mm mortars [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] 10 JSU-122s; 10 JSU-152s; 3 jeeps [redacted]

25X1 and trucks [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] on 10 April, an engineer unit with 40 trucks loaded with pontoons, 2 assault boats and bridge building equipment arrived at Tornow Lake from

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the direction of Neuruppin. Another column of jeep [ ] and 14 trucks [ ] 25X1  
 [ ] loaded with pontoons and an assault boat followed [ ]  
 The troops constructed a pontoon bridge from Floesser Grund to Tornow peninsula.  
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[ ] 2. During the night of 27 March, tanks moved along roads in the woods toward Steinberge from the direction of Katerbow and a large number of trucks moved along Grafendarm toward the east. The vehicles had dimmed headlights [ ]  
 25X1 [ ] At about 4 p.m. on 29 March, T-34 tanks [ ]  
 25X1 another T-34 tank [ ] drove from the training grounds to the parking 25X1 lot along the Neuruppin - Katerbow road. At about 4:30 p.m. on 2 April, trucks 25X1 moved from the direction of Neu-  
 25X1 ruppin toward Katerbow. [ ]

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From 26 March to 3 April, tank firing at fixed targets was daily practiced at Gentzrode training grounds. T-34 tanks [ ]. No tank firing was noticed after 4 April. Up to about 4 p.m. on 5 April, tanks and trucks assembled at the training grounds east of the Neuruppin-Steinberge road. Observed were a total of 42 tanks including T-34 tanks [ ] and about 124 trucks. The area was cordoned off by sentries. [ ]

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The column subsequently left the assembly area toward a northerly direction. On 6 April, Forest Sections Nos 21, 23, 24 and 25 were cordoned off by sentries. Tents and tanks were observed there. The tanks were dug in. 1

25X1 1. [ ] Comment. It is believed that the 12th Gds Tank Div conducted a division exercise in the area of Wittstock troop training grounds from 5 to at least 10 April, with the exercise having apparently been conducted from southeast to northwest. [ ] the division was reinforced by units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) which, according to other information, had transferred from Doeberitz to Netzeband in two shipments on 4 April. [ ] Also it is believed that engineer units of the 18th (?) Engr Bn of the 1st Mech Div participated. These units transferred to Neuruppin [ ] on 8 April. [ ] This assumption is supported [ ]. The present report further indicates that, on 10 April, still other engineer units were engaged in exercises at Tornow Lake. [ ] these troops belonged to the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army.

25X1 2. [ ] Comment. As usual, units of the 12th Gds Tank Div conducted tank firing in the area of Gentzrode garrison training grounds up to early April.

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